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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL**

Case No. 2:23-cv-08123-JLS-MAR

Date: October 20, 2023

Title: MCA Backoffice LLC v. JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. et al

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Present: **Honorable JOSEPHINE L. STATON, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Gabby Garcia  
Deputy Clerk

N/A  
Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Plaintiffs:

Attorneys Present for Defendant:

Not Present

Not Present

**PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE REMAND**

Plaintiff MCA Backoffice LLC filed a complaint against Defendant JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in the Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles. (Compl., Doc. 1-1.) Defendant removed the action to this Court, invoking diversity jurisdiction. (Notice of Removal, Doc. 1 ¶¶ 5–8.)

Diversity jurisdiction requires that an action be between “citizens of different States.” 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1). “[A]n LLC is a citizen of every state of which its owners/members are citizens.” *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006).

Here, Plaintiff alleges in its state-court complaint that it is a “limited liability company.” (Compl., Doc. 1-1 ¶ 1.) But in its notice of removal, Defendant asserts that Plaintiff MCA Backoffice LLC is, in fact, a “New York corporation,” while citing the paragraph of Plaintiff’s complaint that alleges Plaintiff is an LLC. (Notice of Removal, Doc. 1 ¶ 6.) Neither Plaintiff’s complaint nor Defendant’s notice of removal contains any allegations regarding Plaintiff’s members/owners and their citizenship.

Therefore, this Court sua sponte questions its jurisdiction. Defendant is ORDERED to show cause in writing no later than **seven (7) days** from the date of this

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Order as to why the Court should not remand this action to state court because the Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction. Plaintiff has **seven (7) days** thereafter to submit any response. Each party's briefing shall not exceed **five (5) pages**. Following submission of the parties' briefing, the matter will be deemed under submission and the Court will thereafter issue an order.

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